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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HISAKO AOYAMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: JULIO J. MALDONADO
SERIAL NO: 09/558,053 :
FILED: APRIL 26, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2823
FOR: PROCESS FOR FABRICATING A :
METAL WIRING AND METAL
CONTACT IN A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 9, 2003, please reconsider the
above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

A Listing of the Claims in clean form begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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